

# Poplar Baths Regeneration



## Construction work well underway on Poplar Baths

Welcome to the Poplar Baths community newsletter. The construction stage is now well underway. Guildmore and our construction partners on this development are committed to minimising any adverse effect of construction development on the local community and work safely to a successful project completion.

It is important that the local community understands what is happening during the different construction phases and as Guildmore's managing director Engin Ertosun has stated: ***"We have pledged to keep the community well informed about the all construction phases throughout the project period"***. So here is the latest news from the construction site:

### Poplar Baths Leisure:

By the end of February 2015, demolition works within Poplar Baths were complete. Sheet piling and augur piling works followed throughout the month of March and were completed in early April. By the start of June, the ground workers had completed casting the concrete slab to the plunge pool and learner pool, and are proceeding to cast the tank for rest of the main swimming pool. We are pleased to report that almost all of the clay excavated from the new pool has now been removed from site.

Even as the pool tank is being finished, works will be start to reinstate the north elevation of the former Second Class Building, including the erection of the steel frame and reconstruction of the brick façade to exactly match the original building.

The erection of the crane over the historic baths building in May was a major milestone in the project and will allow the erection of steelwork both inside the existing building and over the new swimming pool to proceed over the coming months. We thank local residents for their patience during the erection of the crane, which entailed the closure of the access road for two days, and during our earlier closure on Good Friday and Easter Saturday which was necessary to form the sewer connection.

### Poplar Baths Residential:

Since the first week of April, we have made great progress on the concrete frame of the new residential building, and have just completed the (roof) slab. The external façade of the building has been installed up to the third floor and will continue to progress floor-by-floor, with windows due to be installed shortly, after which the brickwork will commence, at which point it will start to look more like a building and less like a building site!



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## Community meetings

Since the project started, we have held number of meetings with residents. We are keen to hear from members of the community about any particular issue. We have held several meetings with schools and colleges, including Tower Hamlets College and Stepney Maths and Computing school to involve students in the projects. We are working with Skillsmatch to recruit apprentices and advertise vacancies locally.



## Our commitments to you:

### 1. Respect the Community

- We will give utmost consideration to the impact of our construction on neighbours and the public
- We will always inform, respect and show courtesy to those affected by the work
- We will minimise the impact of deliveries, parking and work on neighbouring properties
- Equality and diversity will be at the top of our agenda

### 2. Will protect the Environment:

- Always seeking sustainable solutions, and minimising waste, carbon footprint and use of resources
- Identifying, managing and promoting environmental issues
- Minimising the impact of vibration, air, light and noise pollution
- Protecting ecology, landscape, wildlife, vegetation and water courses

### 3. Ensure everyone's safety:

- Having systems that care for the safety of the public, visitors and the workforce
- Each of our sites will have a Community Engagement Plan, available from the Project Manager
- Always encouraging, listening and responding to all comments and complaints

## Keep talking to us

We are happy to hear from you about any particular issue. Our contact details are at the end of this newsletter, please contact us regarding any issue and we look forward to hearing from you.

## Our next residents meeting

We are holding regular resident meetings at St. Matthias Community Centre, London, E14 0AE. Please contact our community liaison officer Hazera Ali on [hazera.ali@guildmore.com](mailto:hazera.ali@guildmore.com) or call on 07508 407 629 if you would like to attend next meeting or want to see the copy of the agenda or report.

## Project Diary

### Poplar Baths Leisure:

- ▶ Demolition completed -end of February 2015
- ▶ Piling finished end of April 2015
- ▶ Groundworks and pool tanks – due to finished by end of June 2015
- ▶ Works to repair historic interiors of pool building – starting June 2015
- ▶ Installation of steel frame to old and new buildings –starting June 2015
- ▶ Anticipated completion: March 2016

### Poplar Baths Residential

- ▶ Concrete frame – completed; June 2015
- ▶ Windows arriving to site June 2015 and brickwork to all facades to follow
- ▶ Anticipated completion: January 2016

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